

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_\_\_  
no X

Property Name: Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church Inventory Number: D-602  
Address: 4111 East New Market-Rhodesdale Road (MD 14) Historic district: \_\_\_\_\_ yes X no  
City: East New Market, MD Zip Code: 21631 County: Dorchester  
USGS Quadrangle(s): East New Market  
Property Owner: Trustees, Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 87 Tax Map Number: 22  
Project: MD 16-MD 14: East New Market Streetscape Agency: MD SHA  
Agency Prepared By: MD SHA Architectural Historian  
Preparer's Name: Anne E. Bruder Date Prepared: 12/06/2005  
Documentation is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files  
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria: A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: \_\_\_\_\_ yes Listed: \_\_\_\_\_ yes  
Site visit by MHT Staff \_\_\_\_\_ yes X no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church (now the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church), MIHP No. D-602, was included in the MIHP in 1981. At that time it was clad in weatherboard and the belfry had a chisel shingle pattern at the cornice. Following the 1981 inventory, the owners of the church clad the Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church in vinyl siding. None of the windows in the building have been obscured, but the decorative wood finishes on the belfry and the sacristy at the rear of the building are now covered over. The roof of the main pile, including the sacristy and the belfry steeple are now clad in asphalt shingles.

In the U.S. Decennial Censuses for 1920 and 1930 for East New Market in Election District 2 some of East New Market's African-Americans residents were employed as laborers for the Dorchester and Delaware Railroad and the Rose Hill or Smith Brothers canneries. The Census taker noted others as farmers or farm laborers and watermen. The residential development around the two packing companies occurred because those who lived there frequently worked at the factories or for the railroad and rented the houses. However, the houses are not laid out in a manner that would suggest that they were built together as company housing. Rather, the development appears to have occurred whenever new dwellings were needed, and that empty lots stood vacant for long periods before a new building was constructed.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended X  
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

**MHT Comments:**

Ann Pauline ✓  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

1/17/06  
Date

3/21/06  
Reviewer, National Register Program

2/21/06  
Date

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The 1880 Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church on Church Street (MD 14) provided a focus for the community, as did the Mt. Zion School on Cemetery Avenue. In the 1920 Census, Daniel Quilen is identified as the minister, while Nona Young is the teacher. Charlie Dockins identified himself as a merchant and owner of the General Store. In the 1930 Census, Marcellus Dockins owned the General Store. The Sanborn Map shows the location at the corner of Dockin's [sic] Lane and Railroad Avenue, on the south side of the railroad tracks.

Although a modern material now covers the exterior of the Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, the building retains its original materials beneath the aluminum siding. It is also a community center for those living on the east side of East New Market. As a result, it is eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criterion C, architecture. Research conducted did not identify events (Criterion A) or persons (Criterion B) of local, state or national significance and research was not conducted under Criterion D as part of the standing structures studies.

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Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_

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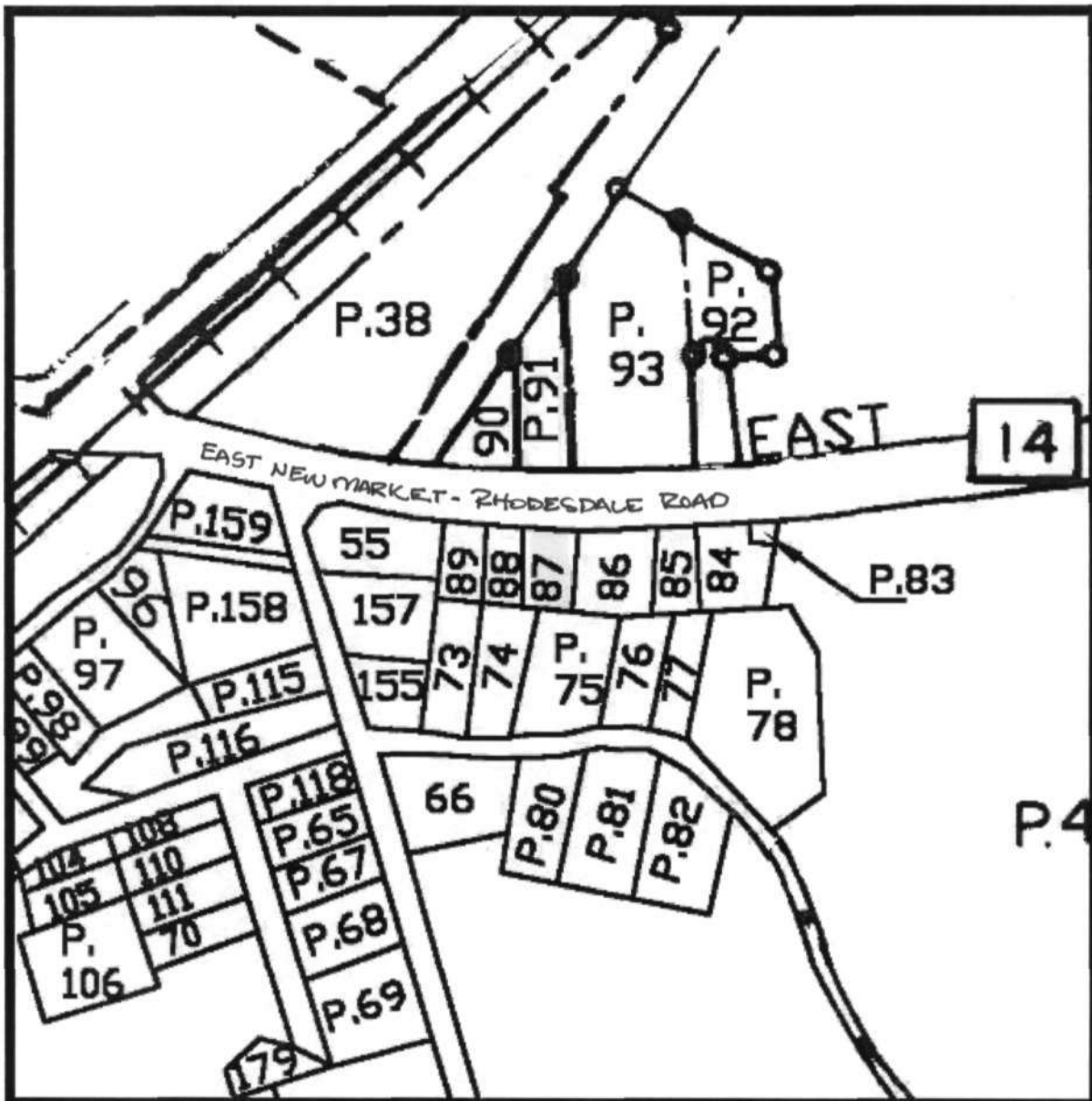
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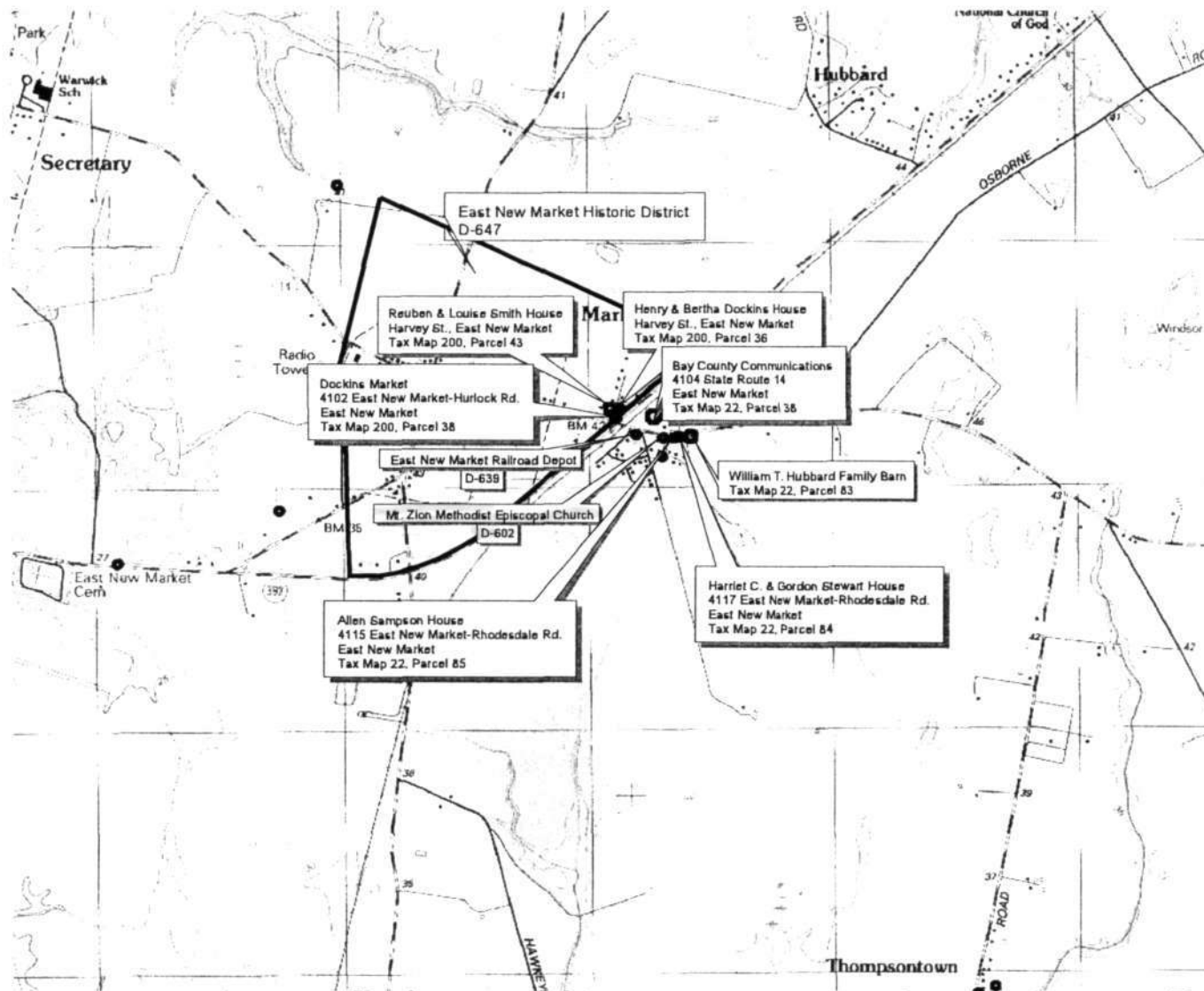
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# East New Market USGS Quadrangle Standing Structures Location Map



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- USGS Topo Quad Index
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0.9 0 0.9 1.8 Miles



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MOUNT ZION METHODIST-EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH

Midway, Co, Va  
Asylum

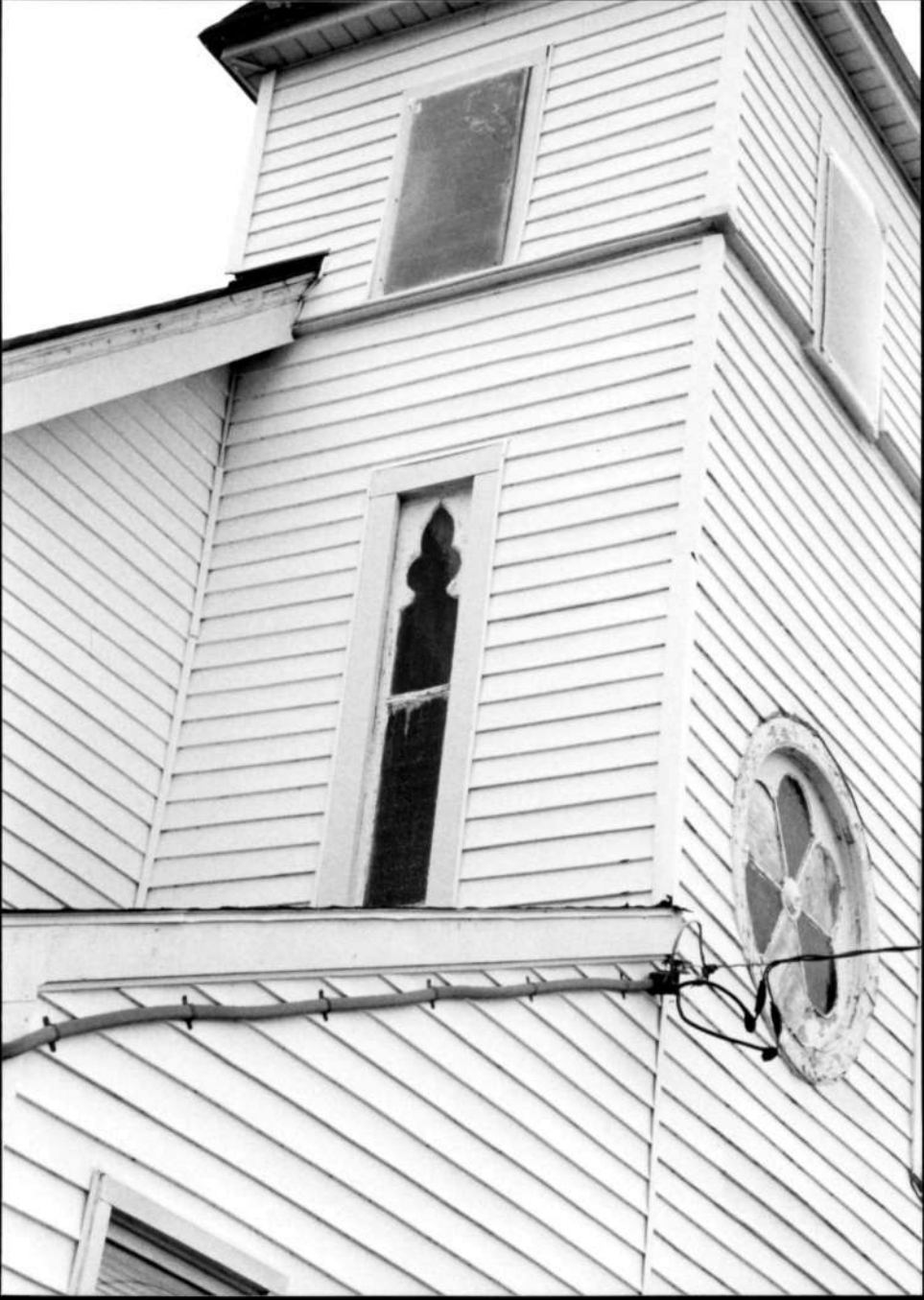
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PRE-1940 1940-1945 1945-1950 1950-1955 1955-1960 1960-1965 1965-1970 1970-1975 1975-1980 1980-1985 1985-1990 1990-1995 1995-2000 2000-2005 2005-2010 2010-2015 2015-2020 2020-2025 2025-2030 2030-2035 2035-2040 2040-2045 2045-2050 2050-2055 2055-2060 2060-2065 2065-2070 2070-2075 2075-2080 2080-2085 2085-2090 2090-2095 2095-2100

MID APR

South & East for a day looking  
north

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Mt. Zion Methodist-Episcopal Church  
Detail of Church Window

Dorchester Co, MD

Abraham

1800-1805

1800-1805

Window detail on east bell tower

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Dorchester - 602  
Mt.Zion ME Church  
Md Rt.14  
East New Market,MD 21631

1880

Access:Public

Mt.Zion ME Church stands on the southside of MD Rt.14 in East New Market. It . 20' from the road and faces north. It is built of weatherboard and rests on a **concrete** block foundation . The church measures 30' across the front facade and is 50' in depth. This church was dedicated in September of 1880 and is the oldest black church in East New Market. There is an ancient school house on the property that I have described in another report (see: Mt.Zion School).

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Mt. Zion ME Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

MD Rte. 14

CITY, TOWN

East New Market

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☒ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Trustees, Mt. Zion ME Church  
C/O Rev. Nelson C. Stanley

Telephone #: 943-4383

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

East New Market

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD, 21631

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Dorchester County Court House

Liber #: WHM 2  
Folio #: 607

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

N/A

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE 1880

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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Mt. Zion ME Church stands on the south side of MD Rt. 14 in East New Market. It is 20' from the road and faces north. This church was dedicated in September of 1880. It is built of weatherboard. It rests on a concrete block foundation and has a composite shingle roof. The church measures 30' across the front facade and is 50' in depth. The building is gabled (north-south). There is an entrance tower (10' across) that is reached by 4 concrete steps. It has hollow double wooden doors with a rectangular arc over and 2 colored glass lights. The tower has imbricated wooden shingles on the belfry level and a short spire atop capped with aspike. There are 2 6' 4-over-4 colored glass windows (gold, blue, red) in the front facade. These windows are rectangular and at either side of the entrance tower. There are four more of these windows in the westside of the building and again in the east. On the south end of the building is the usual extension for the sacristy. There are triple rectangular windows in the southside. The sacristy (south-gable) has imbricated shingles atop.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1880

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building was dedicated in SEptember of 1880 and is the oldest black church in East New Market. There is an ancient school house on the property that I have described in another report (see Mt.Zion School).

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

James W. Clark, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Commission on Afro-American  
History & Culture

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

20 Dean Street

TELEPHONE

269-2893

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

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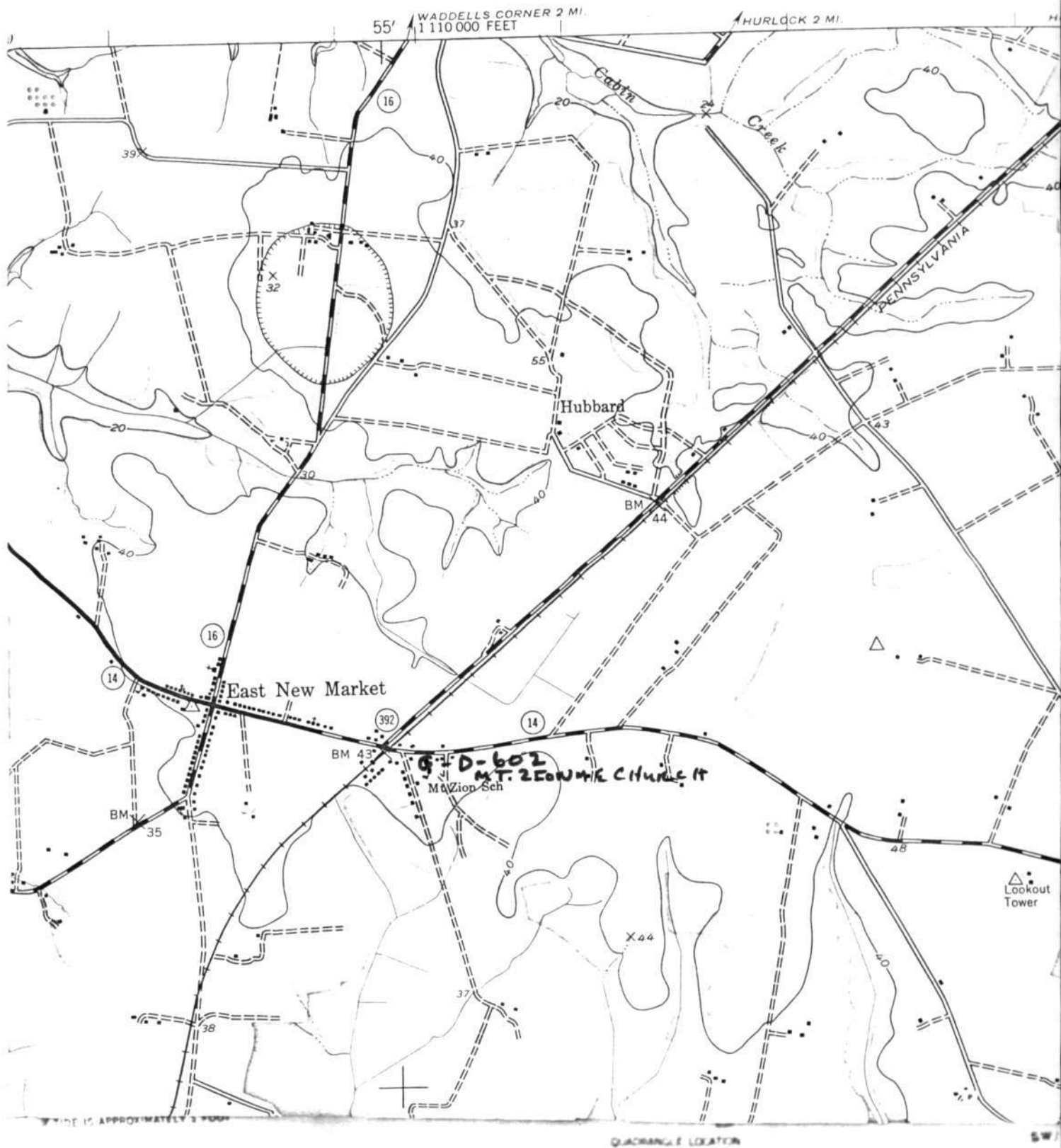
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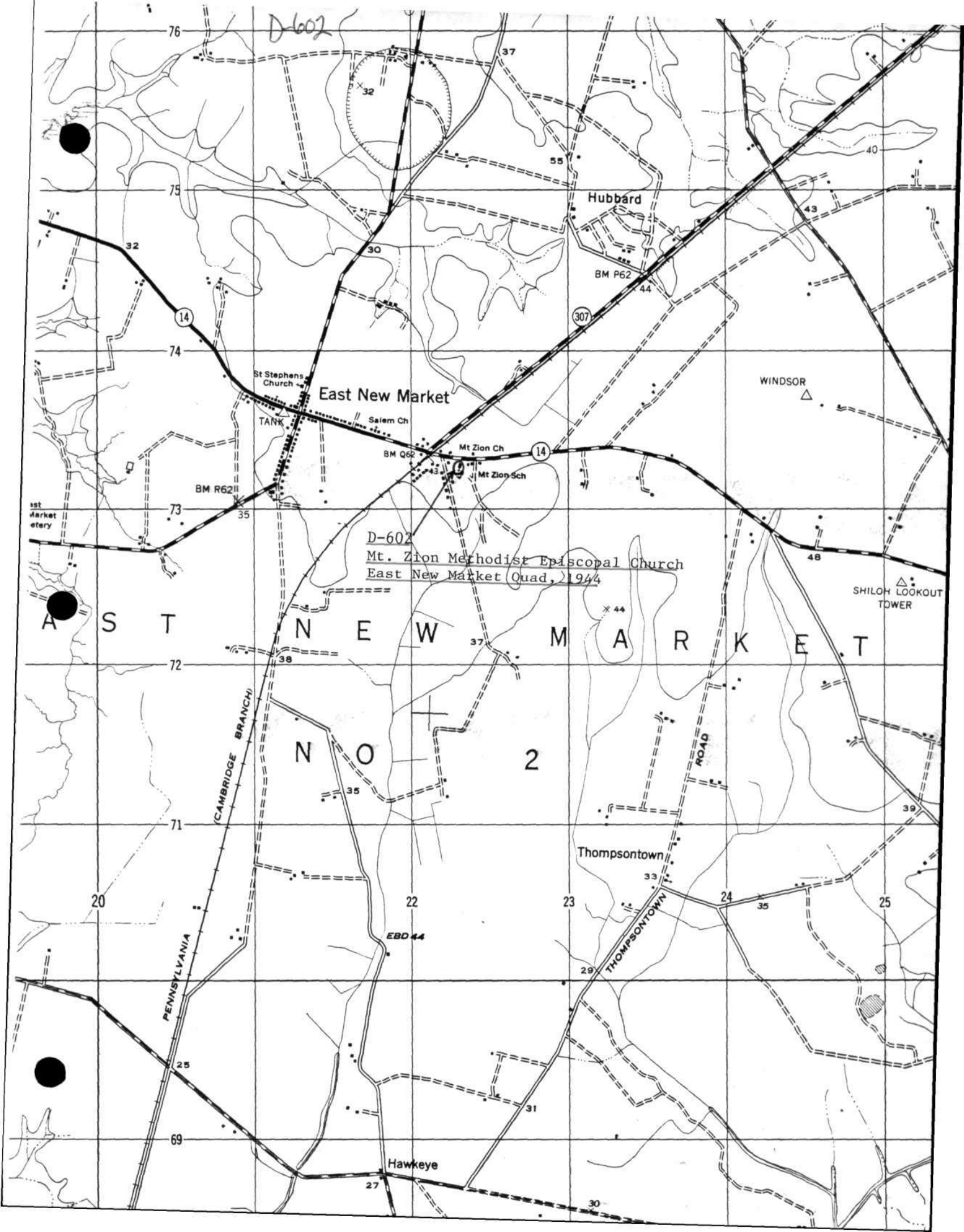
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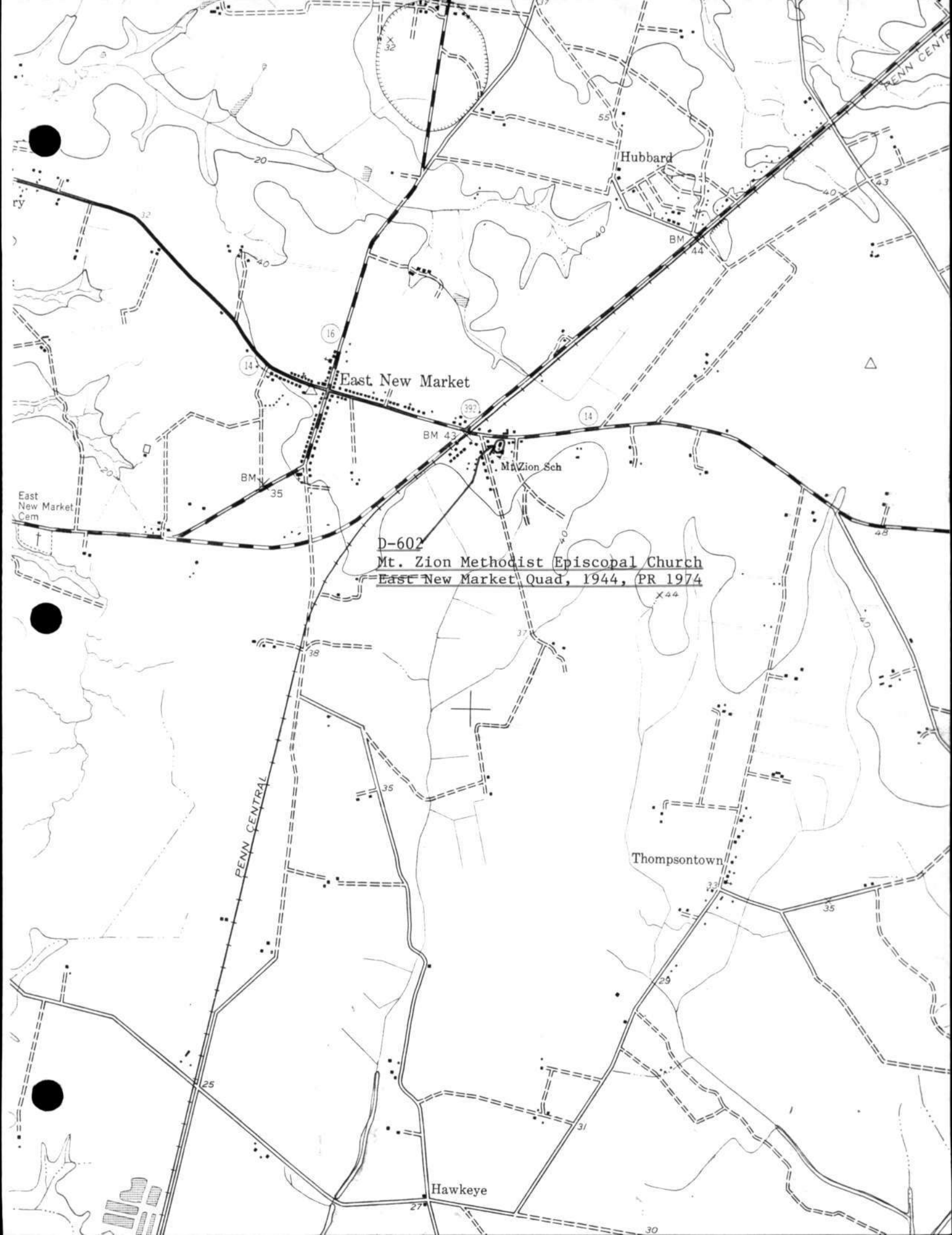


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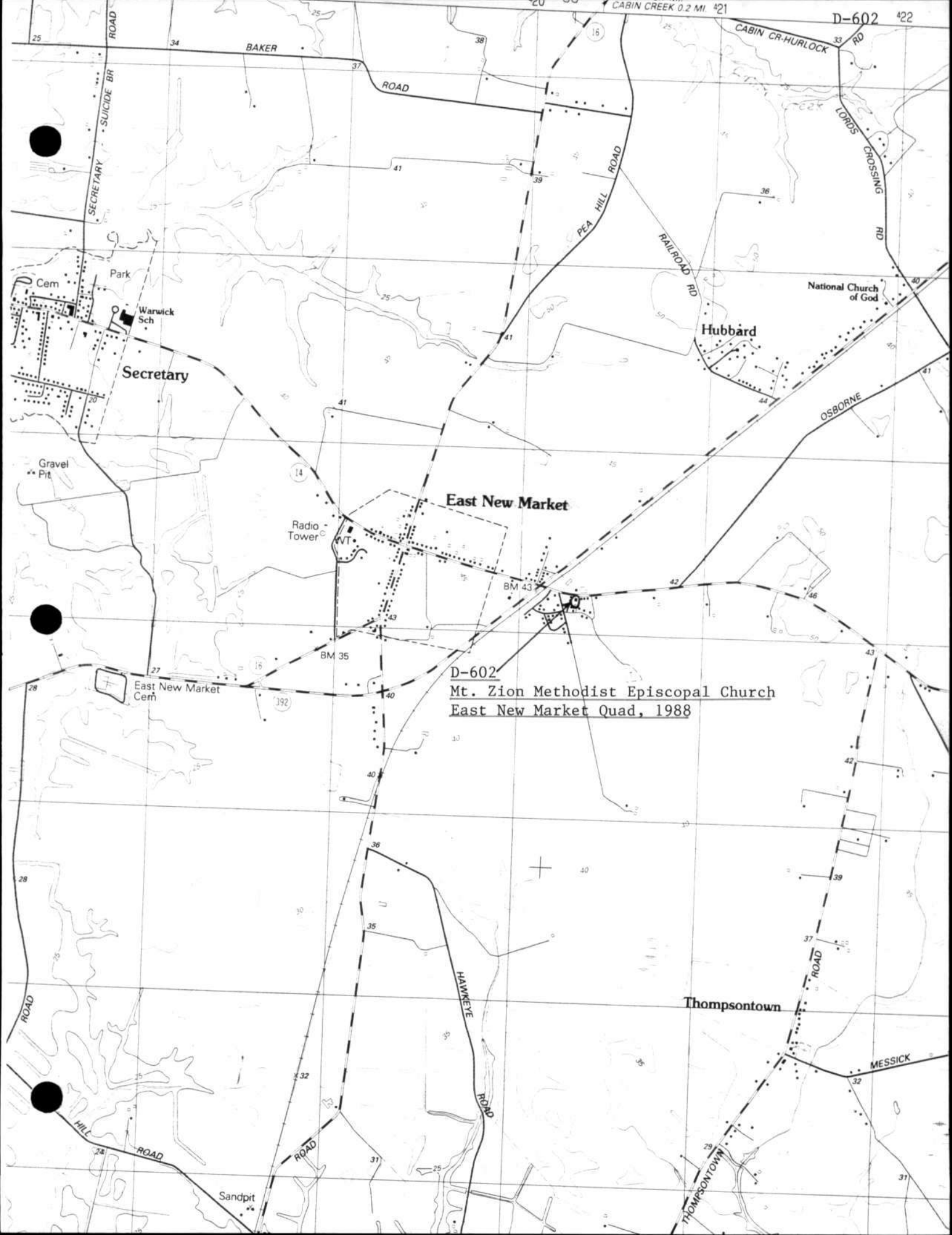
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East New Market Quad, 1944, PR 1974

Thompsonstown

Hawkeye





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LORDS CROSSING RD

National Church of God

Hubbard

OSBORNE

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Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church  
East New Market Quad, 1988

Thompsonstown

MESSICK

THOMPSONSTOWN

Secretary

East New Market Cem

Radio Tower

Warwick Sch

Sandpit



Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church D-602  
East New Market, Dorchester County, MD  
Michael Hosford

Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD  
Northwest elevation  
2/81

49%

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Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church     D-602  
East New Market, Dorchester County, MD  
Michael Hosford

Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD  
Southeast elevation  
2/81